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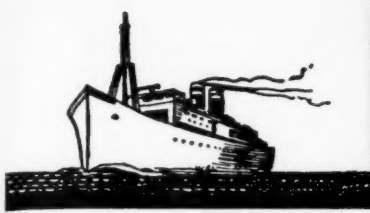
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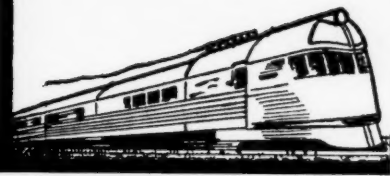
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How To Organize A Stamp Club

FREQUENTLY the publishers receive requests for information on how to form a stamp club, and we have supplied all the information we could. This article is published in the hope it will serve a real need and reprints will be gladly supplied to anyone submitting a stamped envelope.

The formula for forming a stamp club varies but little whether it is to be a club for adults, or one for juniors. First step is to contact stamp collectors locally whom you personally know, select some suitably located place for the organization meeting and then obtain all the local publicity you can to make sure the collectors you are not acquainted with will learn of the meeting and be attracted enough by the publicity to come.

The location of the meeting is important. To select someone's home is not considered best tactics by some as strangers might not so readily come to a home as they would to a meeting held at a more public place such as usually used: a business office, a hotel parlor, a lodge room or at the Y. M. C. A. It is generally easy to obtain one of these for the organization meeting. If at a hotel, a charge is usually made for the parlor, varying from \$2.00 to \$5.00 according to size of city (and they generally must charge as they receive many requests for their parlors). This means that the organizer must be prepared to spend a little money to get things going. If a junior club is to be formed, a class room is easily obtainable. Playground clubs meet at shelter houses.

Next important step, and the most important of all, is to properly publicize your intentions. The local newspapers will give publicity if approached properly, though the amount of space given depends on many irrelevant things, chiefly though on the editor's opinion of its importance and the amount of space available that particular day. In preparing a "news release" it is well to remember the Four W's: Who, Why, When, and Where.. Superfluous adjectives will be blue-pencilled anyway, so it is best to be brief and to the point. Here is a specimen release:

For Immediate Release
Nov. 25, 1939

A stamp club is being organized in Smithville composed of adult stamp collectors of Smithville and Smith County. The preliminary organization meeting will be held

Monday evening, Dec. 5 at 7:30 P. M. at Jones Hall at the Y. M. C. A. All adults interested in collecting stamps are invited to attend the meeting and help form the club. A committee headed by John Blank, 234 Elm St., has arranged for the meeting. Elmer Jones will display his collection of U. S. stamps which includes most issues from the first of 1847 down to the recent commemoratives, and will be the first local showing of this sort.

Send copies of this release, which should be typewritten, to every paper in the community, including the neighborhood and county papers. A little thing that would help would be to double-space the lines, thus giving the item a better chance of being used as doing that leaves space for the editors to mark any alterations and hand to compositors without having to re-type the copy.

By telephone you should contact all local stamp collectors you know personally or may have heard of, urging them to attend and requesting them to pass the news along to collectors they know. You might advise the postmaster and his stamp window clerks and they'll probably help publicise the meeting. In

some cities you could prepare a frame of stamps and in the center put a brief notice of the organization meeting and the P. M. would undoubtedly display it in the lobby.

Send a release to the various stamp papers, but send it several weeks before the date of the meeting to be certain they will be able to print the notice in an issue BEFORE the meeting. The weeklies generally are in the mails two or three days before the date in their datelines, which means that their forms actually close about 10 days before that date. Many subscribers by this arrangement actually have their copy by the date shown in the dateline. LINN'S receive many press releases so late that some arrive after all that particular number is in the mails.

At say 8 P. M. (having allowed the extra half hour for stragglers to arrive) your organization meeting should get under way. Each person should in the meantime be asked to put their name and address on a sheet of paper passed around. John Blank acts as temporary chairman, making a brief explanation of the purpose of the meeting—a sort of "pep" talk. He introduces each person present by name, and they should simply be asked to stand and "take a bow"

Famous American Authors

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT



This 19th Century American novelist and juvenile writer has remained the outstanding woman writer of America. Louisa May Alcott was born at Germantown, Pa., on Nov. 29, 1832. By profession she was a teacher, but while doing this began her literary career by writing stories of the sensational type for the weeklies and other periodicals of the time. Her first book was the "Flower Fables," published in 1855. During the Civil War she was a nurse in the federal hospitals, but during this period wrote, in the style of correspondents of the time, numerous descriptive letters to the newspapers. These too were published in book form, titled "Flower Sketches," in 1863. Her most popular work, recently filmed was "Little Women," in which she drew herself as the leading character "Jo." This work was published in 1868. Others of her works, some of which did not prove popular, were "An Old Fashioned Girl," "Little Men," "Jo's Boys," "Moods and Work." Her later years were marked by ill health, but the lively and cheerful note of her stories gave the reader no indication of this. She died at Boston, March 6, 1888.

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(no speeches). For the sake of brevity the chairman should request that applause be omitted as it is time wasting and serves no good purpose. Nominations for Chairman and Secretary to function pending complete organization of the club are then called for. Generally the few who know each other can be counted upon to make this only a formality by nominating two of their number. A motion that nominations be closed is then in order and if there be only one nomination for each office the election is soon over. Committees should then be named or their chairmen elected from the floor to:—Prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for submission to the members; locate a suitable meeting place; select name for club. Small committees work best. Your secretary if not familiar with his duties should be impressed with the fact that he is to keep a record of those present at meetings, the names of appointees and matters discussed, tabled or decided. The minutes should be brief—but not so brief they omit anything, as nothing should be left to memory. A secretary neglecting his duties can do a new organization much harm, though intentions may be of the best. Similarly harmful are other officers and committees who like to bask in the limelight but whose productive results are negligible. No matter how fine a fellow may be as a friend, his qualifications for an office should always be considered. More than one club has been retarded by ill chosen officers.

A date for the next meeting should be selected, after discussion among those present. All discussion and meetings should be kept on a friendly basis with formality discarded as much as possible. A meeting conducted with rigid, unsmiling formality will not promote sociability or interest in the club, and defeats the purpose of the club. Long-winded, irrelevant dissertations by any member should be discouraged and it is up to the chairman to keep the meeting moving at a brisk pace. Business sessions should always be brief, and most clubs find that a business session once a month is sufficient.

At the next meeting the club should be formally organized. First the Constitution Committee should report with a proposed Constitution which should be carefully discussed, revised if thought necessary and adopted that evening if possible. Then the officers should be elected. Secret ballot is preferable in club meetings on elections and controversial matters, as it is much more tactful and is fairest. A show of hands, standing, or "ayes" and "Nos" is sufficient on many questions and the chairman should use his judgment. The name of the club and amount of dues are decided during the Constitution discussion. A short name, truly descriptive of the club and one which identifies your club's location to the stranger hearing the name, is preferable. The joining of two hobbies such as stamps and coins has seldom proven practical. Dues should be fixed at a sum sufficient for operating needs, but as the organization

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Experts Stumped

The Second Annual Open House and Stamp Clinic of the Garfield - Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland on Dec. 8, was judged quite a success by those present. Standing room was at a premium and over 300 were in attendance. In addition to talks, a humorous prevue of the 1940 Golden Jubilee celebration, etc.; a "Board of Experts" caused the club to pay out \$1 each on five questions submitted from the audience and which they were unable to answer. The Board was a new feature.

Auction Calendar

Jan. 5—Hi-Hat Sale. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Jan. 9—Mail Sale. Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York City.

Jan. 19-20—U. S., Foreign, Wholesale. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Jan. 22—Mail Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

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Most of stamp collectors in Northern Michigan who have had Finnish friends since childhood, and have made fast friends with them, now look at a change that we felt would not come, and for which we were not prepared, and we find that our Finnish collections have been far from complete due to the fact that we felt the stamps would always be available. Very few of the Finnish stamps could be classed as unattainable, but still I have seen only one collection which was complete and that was shown me by the owner, O. A. Olson of Green Bay. Mr. Olson completed his collection a year or so ago, and it is something to shoot at by other collectors. Finland deserves the immediate attention of all collectors this fall.—David S. Coon, 306 S. 5th St., Escanaba, Mich.

• Spanish stamp papers refer to stamps issued by the former republic as issued during the "red period."

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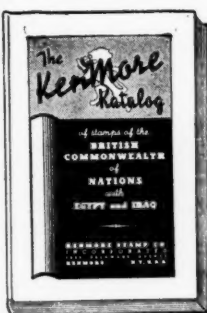
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Plain Facts

In the October *Airpost Journal*, there is a notation in the *Airs of the Month* column about a series of eight stamps issued by the Portuguese Colonies in commemoration of the New York World's Fair. Since that has appeared in print, a good many facts have come to light that will bear exposition here. For the good of the hobby, they are presented that the collectors themselves might judge.

It is alleged that the commissioner for the World's Fair from Portugal persuaded the government of Portugal to issue the set of stamps in order to raise money to continue the exhibition next year. (Which is a noble idea!) But bear these facts in mind: The colonial Escudo being worth what it is, and the total emission being only 16,000 stamps, it is difficult to see where much money for the Portuguese Pavilion would be raised. Admittedly 10% (200 of each colony) would be profitless as they were sent to the colonies to carry the mail—merely an effort to make them legitimate. By simple arithmetic there is obviously less than \$2,500 as the Portuguese "take" to carry on the Fair. (Which amount is buttons to a show like the New York World's Fair.)

Continuing the story—all the balance, 1,800 stamps in all together with the "error" were reported to have been placed in the hands of ONE dealer in New York at a flat cost. They were then offered as new issues at between \$32 and \$40 a set—where the face value is around \$1.50.

By putting "2" and "2" together, the "4" we get is this: It would appear that they were issued solely on the urge of a stamp dealer and for no purpose whatsoever but to dig cash from collectors. (Compliance with the various technical angles to legitimize the issue does not give them the true pedigree of authenticity.)

They will probably NOT be recognized by the RELIABLE cataloguers in the U. S. A. and England. Circumstances pointing this way may already be seen in SCOTT'S MONTHLY JOURNAL. A letter of protest about the Portuguese issue evoked this reply: "We have heard a lot about the Portuguese World's Fair air mail stamps; enough, in fact, to cause us to withhold recognition and list only under the Tentative Listing."

But let us look at the other side of the story.

Correspondence with air mail stamp dealers has evoked the following reply. We feel it typical of the commercial side. In the broadest sense, it is a perfectly normal reaction and should not be condemned in any way. One must not forget that dealers have to eat bread and butter also: "Regarding the Portuguese Colonies, World's Fair set, these stamps have been legitimately issued and there is no flaw anywhere. The overprint was made in Portugal. No one in New York had anything to do with the production of the stamps and we had the privilege of buying the majority of the entire issue. Nevertheless, they were actually on sale in the various colonies at face value. . . .

we simply bought the stamps because we were wide awake here in New York and we made the deal. This in no way reflects upon the legitimacy of this issue."

A photostatic copy of a letter from Acting Commissioner General J. Saavedra de Figueiredo, of the Portugal New York World's Fair Commission certifies that the overprint was duly authorized by the Government of the Republic of Portugal on the 15th of August, 1939 by the Minister of Colonies, Dr. Manuel Rodrigues.

Sanabria's Air Post News, contains a chronicle of New Issues as a Supplement to the 1939 Edition of the Standard Catalogue of Air Post Stamps. In the November, 1939 issue, all eight varieties are listed, given catalogue number and priced at \$7.50 each. This gives a total catalogue value of \$60. The errors are priced at from \$50 to \$100.

On page 17 of this issue of Sanabria's Air Post News appears a notation about the Portuguese Colonials. After a brief description is written "Air Mail Headquarters is assured, through official channels, that these stamps were made available and were sold in regular manner, at the principal offices of the Portuguese Colonies."

There you are friend collector. The facts show that every angle of legitimacy has been complied with. There you are friend dealer. Here is the story why there has or has not been a demand for that particular issue.

It seems apparent that duplicity or connivance has taken place. The obvious solution to the whole affair is to take steps to get the Minister of Colonies for Portugal to print sufficiently more of the stamps in question—and don't forget the errors, so that all may have a chance to

take part in financing the Portuguese Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. Unless that happens, we must of necessity question the issue, the dealer, source, and finally the integrity of the future catalogues that may list the stamps.

—Alton J. Blank, *Airpost Journal*

• The demand for the Danzig stamps on which to overprint "Danzig is German" was so large that some of the basic stamps were reprinted to meet the demand.

• The Soviet government is planning to celebrate the centenary of the postage stamp, with a monograph on "History of Postage Stamps," reports the *New York Times*.

• Mail from Spain is still being censored, one form of marking being a horizontal purple rectangle with inscription "Censura Militar."

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Denom.	Person	Place	Date
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2c	Cooper,	Cooperstown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
3c	Emerson,	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 5
5c	Alcott,	Concord, Mass.	Feb. 5
10c	Clemens,	Hannibal, Mo.	Feb. 13

1c	Longfellow, Portland, Maine	Feb. 16
2c	Whittier, Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 16
3c	Lowell, Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
5c	Whitman, Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
10c	Riley, Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24

Collectors are requested by the P. O. not to send covers to first day offices earlier than 30 days prior to first day dates. In view of this we are printing only portions of the entire Famous Americans list; not more than two months in advance.

The Cleveland Stamp Club has announced their annual exhibition and bourse to be held at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, O., Jan. 27 and 28. Bourse space may be obtained by contacting E. N. Ong, 700 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland. The banquet, on Saturday evening, will be \$1.75 per plate. Some out-of-town entries in the exhibition are planned.

• 10 months in prison was the sentence given an Italian recently in Rome for producing some false double overprinted varieties of the Vatican City "vacant seat" issue.

● The use of catalogue numbers in stamp ads in the press in France is now forbidden. This regulation is believed due to official suspicion that spies may use them to transmit messages in code.



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C. E. Bachman of Chicago stopped in the LINPRINT office recently and showed a cover carried by Slim Williams and Jack Logan on the first motorcycle (or in fact any kind of wheeled vehicle) trip from Alaska to the U. S. The pair left Fairbanks on May 14 and arrived at Seattle, Dec. 7, after a trip of some 2300 miles over mostly trackless wilderness. At the post offices along the way, they had covers postmarked and in addition to the terminal points the cover carried postmarks of six other offices. The trip was made to "blaze an international trail" and publicity for a highway to Alaska.

• Brattleboro, Vt., collectors had a very successful annual recently with visitors from all over Vermont and Massachusetts. 64 attended the dinner.

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Editor's Notebook

1939 For all its momentous military and political events, 1939 will not likely be remembered as one of the most eventful years of our hobby. Developments abroad have had surprisingly little effect on the hobby. Practically the only major result has been the gradual change of the center of philatelic activity from Europe to the United States.

To American collectors, three major developments, each quite different in character, stand out as the year closes. Their importance is probably not yet fully recognized. One was the inauguration last May of that missionary venture of the Post Office Department — the Philatelic Truck. Its introduction of the hobby to the public of a dozen states, particularly to thousands of children, outshines all previous efforts by philatelic or other bodies in publicizing the worth of the hobby. Another event, treated casually by most, possibly because it was a gradual revolution in stamp manufacture; was the general introduction of Electric Eye perforating devices to most of our stamps. The Electric Eye gradu-

ated in 1939 from the experimental stage and better centered U. S. stamps are 1939's contribution. For many years the complaint most frequently heard was that our stamps were so poorly centered; a complaint that is less and less heard of late. Of equal if not greater importance than the above two is the introduction this year of scientific examination of stamps, which in the space of a few months has so demonstrated its worth that the definite statements, proven beyond any doubt by this method, have relegated to the ashcan the old system of relying upon opinions by experts.

Progress in transportation by air has resulted in several things which were noted by our hobby. Trans-Atlantic air mail service, dream of many years, is now a regular service carrying letters by the hundreds of thousands on regular schedule. Flying of mails from post office roofs to airports has long been talked, but 1939 saw this put into practice and indications are the use of autogiros in this work will expand. Non-stop pickup of mails is another experiment put into successful practice this year on routes to a number of cities. Postal stationery is again coming back to popularity and we have commented before on the importance of the new interest in this field and the related placing on sale of sets of U. S. envelopes, a step advocated for years.

The number of stamp collectors is steadily increasing, as the number of new stamp clubs organized testifies. The Philatelic Truck can be expected to add many more to the ranks. Stamp exhibitions, already numerous, increased materially in number, as well as in scope and quality of exhibits.

Stamp values have suffered no decline the past twelve months; quite the contrary. The new Scott's Catalogue reduced prices of many stamps, but since these were the result of prices in effect before then and as these mainly were in recent or current issues, these price changes had no material effect, other than to take the inflation out of catalogue prices. Prices of fine U. S. and foreign stamps reached new highs in 1939, and many of the prices were huge advances over previous quotations. These were mainly auction quotations for 1939 witnessed a big increase in number of important stamp auctions, with no lack of bidders or heavy bidding.

Biggest thing in U. S. stamp finds was the numerous perforation errors; one in the largest quantities ever found of a part perforate. The result has been that these varieties have found a market at lower prices than in former years. Designing of U. S. stamps hit a new low in quality in 1939, climaxed by the Four States stamp which was ridiculed as no other U. S. stamp of recent years.

1939 will very likely be found to have set no record for number of stamps issued. The end last spring of the Spanish civil war terminated the source of 1938's largest contributor of real and

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pseudo stamps. The European wars resulted in only a handful of new issues and so far has had the curious effect of less new issues than usual. While this has meant poor business for the dealers in New Issues, interest in older issues has materially increased. Postal departments after a grand spree of miniature sheets have found that the market is better for stamps in normal sheets and so miniature sheets have dwindled in number. As usual, and as has been the case every year since stamp collectors were discovered to be a good source of revenue sometime in the past century, a few postal departments continued their practice of issuing all the stamps they could, even though in some instances the stamps appeared too late for the event they were ostensibly for. Unnecessarily high values and small quantities gave away the speculative intentions of several governments at present having poor philatelic reputations. However, 1939 can hardly be said to have been any worse than other years in this respect, and the trend to specialization has made it possible for most collectors to ignore these countries.

We hope 1940 will prove as stable for the hobby as 1939.

—R. R.

Perts and Imperts

PARAGUAY IS TREADING THE thin ice of unnecessary issues pretty heavily of late, and the New York World's Fair series seems bound to crash through and take that country's philatelic reputation too. Its seven stamps which are not exactly penny varieties, are inscribed for the 1939 Fair but weren't issued until after it had closed, which gives a bad odor to say the least. No wonder Pres. Roosevelt requested his picture be omitted from that Chaco Peace issue, which also gouges collectors unnecessarily.

IDAHO COULD MAKE THE STAMP for its 50th anniversary an instructive piece if it will stipulate it portrays the other senator from that state.

IT MUST TICKLE THE PRECANCEL collectors to know that the greatest rarity of 20th Century U. S. is known to exist in two copies, one of them a precancel. We wonder if there exists a Kansas City B-5 1-center which has so far escaped a measuring to see if it's one of the elusive duplicates of the yet uncatalogued partner of No. 594?

"LAST FLIGHT" IS AN ILLUSTRATED article by Park Smith about crash covers which is printed in the large post office employees' magazine "Service" of the Union of South Africa. A very fine article we think by this enthusiastic aerophilatelist of the Union.

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"The smallest stamp in the world comes from Bolivia."—scrambled statistics in the *Kaw Chief Stamp Journal*.

"The \$5.00 postage stamp of the United States is the largest denomination although there is a \$100.00 one which is used for Official purposes only."—more scrambled ditto from the K. C. S. J.

"Certainly there is a greater difference between the ordinary or regular series, required for postal purposes and commemoratives, used primarily for revenue, than many of the groups which have their designating initial. How would a \$ mark do as a prefix for all such unnecessary numbers?"—H. M. Southgate in the *Bureau Specialist* advocates extension of the catalogue number changes.

"One major development of 1940 will probably be a division of Dealer's stocks into two grades, FINE and OTHERWISE."—*Mint Sheet Brokerage Bulletin*.

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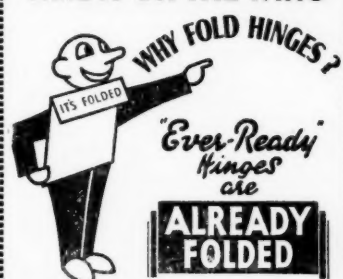
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• For deliberately damaging rural mail boxes, a man was recently fined \$165.40 in Canada.

• Late in November a new British slogan cancel appeared "GROW MORE FOOD — DIG FOR VICTORY."

KenMore Katalog Changes

The changes for January in the Ken-More Katalog are as follows:

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AUSTRALIA					
3		.04	128	.50	.50
60		.15			
148		.10	94		.10
154	1.25	1.25	103	.60	.60
A5		.10			
O6		.08	111	.35	.35
D42		.08	112	.60	.60
D44		.08			
D45		.06			
D64		.02	223	12.50	12.50
D65		.02			
D66		.03	NEW FOUNDLAND		
D67		.04	249	.20	.25
D68		.04	NEW ZEALAND		
D69		.10	A7	.12	
D70		.10	A8	.20	
BAHAMAS					
93	.20	.20	116	.25	.25
94	.30	.30	117	.60	.60
95	.60	.60			
BERMUDA					
103	.95	.95	165	1.25	1.25
			181	.06	
			182	.10	
			183	.15	
			184	.25	
BRITISH GUIANA					
224	.15	.15			
226	.60	.60			
BRIT. SOLOMON					
62	.90	.90			
63	1.65	1.65			
CYPRUS					
137	.10	.10	21	.10	.10
139	.65	.65	22	.15	.15
			23	.35	.35
DOMINICA					
91	.10	.10	137	.80	.80

CORRECTIONS

JAMAICA

27c "PFNNY"
27d "PFNNK"
27d "PFNNF"
(note 27d has a broken "K" for "Y")

New Books Received

Supplementary Mail Markings by Dr. W. L. Babcock, 32 pages 6x9, illustrated, paper cover, obtainable for 25c from the author at 245 E. Willis Ave., Detroit, Mich. This booklet tells all the known history of these markings on U. S. Mail, illustrating all types, including the several still in use. Tables give the years of use and stamps upon which the markings are known. Quoted are official orders, etc., relating to their use. Of interest to collectors of current covers will be the data on current New York, San Francisco, Honolulu and Sea Post offices. A very interesting compilation of all known data on these markings which few collectors have understood up until now.

• When the first railway was opened in German Southwest Africa, letters could be handed to the engineers, who would postmark them and deposit them in the next post office reached.

• PROJECT CITY is a new post office established in Shasta County, Calif. The origin of the name is self-evident.

The Answer Is . . .

What, asks a puzzled collector, is the difference between "meters," "permits," "permit meters" and "meter marks"? These terms overlap in several ways. "Permits" are issued to mailers for a number of restricted methods of mailing which have the advantage of convenience or cheaper postage to the mailer; and less work for the post office. Those for sending mail without stamps affixed are divided into "non-meter" and "meter" permits. The non-meter permit cost \$10 (a sum that is a fee only, and does not pay any postage on mails sent under the permit) and the holder has privilege of printing an indicia on mailings of identical pieces (such as circulars) and pays the postage for these mailings in a lump sum in cash at time of mailing. Meter permits are issued without a fee charged, for the use of a device (meter machine) having a recording mechanism set by the postmaster for a given number of impressions or amount of postage and which automatically locks when the total is exhausted. At time the machine is set, the permit holder pays in cash the amount machine is set for (usually a very large sum). It will be seen that "permit meter" is just another name for "meter" and that "meter marks" are the impressions on mail or adhesive tape of the indicia of the machines. The designs of "non-meter" and "meter" markings can be readily told by the fact that the non-meter contains only the number of the permit and the meter device contains the number of that particular meter machine and may or may not have the permit number as well. The permit numbers it might be noted start from "1" in each city; while duplicate numbers of meter machines can only occur in the case of different manufacturers, but it is not be-

lieved any such are now in use and that all meter numbers in current use are different. There are many varieties in meter marks, too many to be explained here. One variety is that used at post office windows by post offices.

"My first flight cover of the 30c trans-Atlantic air stamp is postmarked May 20, while Scott's Catalogue gives May 16 as the date. Which is correct?" Both dates are correct but your cover is a first flight cover (postmark is date flight started) while the catalogue gives the date of day of issue. These are two different things, but many collectors confuse the two different types of events, first days and first flights. Some first day covers of the 30c stamp went on the first flight, these being readily identifiable by their postmark of May 16 and first flight cachet.

What, asks a reader, is "postal stationery?" This is the term for the various forms of stamped stationery issued by post offices: postal cards, stamped envelopes, wrappers and letter-sheets. At one time (40 to 50 years ago) this was a very popular field of collecting, but early in the 1900s gradually disappeared from catalogues. Interest in the U. S., however, was such that these have always been listed in the catalogue.

• The letter "H" cancellation on stamps of Brazil used in the late '60s is said to indicate usage at Fort Humaita, headquarters of the Brazilian forces in the five year war with Paraguay.

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The Postage Stamp Parade

A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO



ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Booklets. Under-noted stamp has been issued in sheets of 80 stamps, eight stamps to the vertical row. The first two are upright, underneath is a blank space, followed by two stamps in inverted position. This describes the upper half of the strip of eight and the lower half is the same. We trust that this will give our readers some idea of how the stamps are arranged in the sheet. Said to be only 10,000 such sheets printed:

A138—5c. yellow brown

(H. G. Spanton)

CHINA—Type of 1939. Unwmkd., perf. 12½:

A57—2c. olive green

A57—\$10 dark green & dull purple

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

COLUMBIA—Semi-Postals. The current ¼, ½, 1, 2, 20 and 25 centavos stamps have been re-issued with a surtax in aid of the construction of a new Palace of Communications at Bogota.

(Stamp Collecting)

COSTA RICA—8th Pan-American Child Welfare Congress Issue. Under a decree dated Sept. 4th, the issuance of this set was indefinitely postponed due to the war. As, however, the printing of these stamps had actually been completed by the American Bank Note Co., it seems highly probable that they might yet be issued in some form or other.

(Stamp Collecting)

CURACAO—Air Post Stamp. New value. Engraved, perf. 12½:



AP1—30c. yellow

(L. A. Russell)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Slovakia. Upright rectangular format, photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 12½:

A5—2k. dark blue green (Girl Weaving)

Postage Due Stamps. Horizontal rectangular format, lithographed, unwmkd., perf. 12½. Numeral of value in circle in center:

D1—5h. dark blue
D1—10h. dark blue
D1—20h. dark blue
D1—40h. dark blue
D1—50h. dark blue
D1—60h. dark blue
D1—1k. dark carmine
D1—10k. dark carmine
D1—20k. dark carmine

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—Mourning Stamps. Issued in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the death of Jose Trujillo Valdez. Upright rectangular format, typographed, perf. 12, central portion is a portrait of the deceased, within a deep black border:

A70—½c. pale gray & black
A70—1c. yellow-green & black
A70—3c. yellow-brown & black
A70—7c. deep ultramarine & black
A70—10c. bright red-violet & black

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Official Stamps. Horizontal rectangular format, lithographed, unwmkd., perf. 11½:

O5—2c. crimson & pale pink (Columbus Lighthouse)

O5—3c. dark purple & pale violet (same)

(L. A. Russell)

• The Swiss Postal Administration will sell its tete beche varieties only in the full sheets of 90 stamps. These sheets are printed for making stamp booklets and the practice of selling the sheets before broken into booklet panes is a concession to philatelists.

• The reason the 1899 Siamese series with full-face portrait of the King is so scarce is that these designs were not satisfactory and were rejected in favor of the side-view portrait designs. They were not intended to be issued, but a quantity was sold by mistake.

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14- 25	(12)	6.00	75- 88	(14)	15.00
			75- 89	(15)	25.00
			90- 96	(7)	1.60
			90- 97	(8)	3.75
			99-110	(11)	2.25
			99-111	(12)	3.25
			99-112	(13)	5.50
			99-113	(14)	8.75
			99-114	(15)	14.50
			99-115	(16)	22.25
			116-117	(2)	.50
			120-133	(13)	5.50
			120-134	(14)	9.00
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12- 20	(9)	2.50	54- 59	(6)	.75
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26- 33	(8)	6.00	80- 90	(11)	2.25
38- 45	(8)	4.25	80- 93	(13)	7.00
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18- 26	(9)	1.60	32- 40	(9)	1.50
18- 27	(10)	3.35	32- 41	(10)	2.00
			O1-O6	(6)	1.25
			O1-O8	(8)	4.00
			O11-O14	(4)	.75
			O15-O21	(7)	1.40
			O27-O33	(7)	1.25
			O36-O43	(8)	1.60
Offices in Br. Morocco			Charkhari		
1- 7	(7)	2.15	28- 36	(9)	1.50
1- 8	(8)	5.25			
9- 17	(9)	2.25			
35- 41	(7)	2.15			
Offices in Fr. Morocco			Gwalior		
1- 10	(10)	1.75	24- 28	(5)	8.00
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26- 35	(10)	3.00	35- 47	(13)	7.50
			51- 63	(12)	6.50
			O12-O18	(7)	1.85
			O30-O36	(7)	1.20
Tangier			Jhind		
5- 7	(3)	.65	62	(1)	.55
8- 12	(5)	4.25	67- 76	(10)	2.50
Offices in Levant			87- 91	(5)	2.25
1- 10	(10)	4.75	104-107	(4)	8.75
12- 17	(6)	5.00	108-116	(9)	2.00
26- 31	(6)	2.50	108-119	(12)	12.00
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BUREAU CATALOG

The announcement appears in the Dec. BEE that there will be no Bureau Catalog edition in February as is the custom, but the next (24th) edition will be out in August. The publishers feel that the past issue is pretty well stabilized and that none of the Presidentials fluctuate enough to warrant a listing different than their current market price so it would hardly pay to publish an edition with so few changes. So you collectors that have been waiting till the new edition in February comes out might as well get a current 23rd edition as it will be in effect 'till next August.

ROUNDUP

It was regularly settled Sunday at the regular meeting of the Central Ohio Precancel Club to stage a little roundup in connection with the exhibition and bourse the Columbus Philatelic Club is putting on the 20th and 21st of January. Precancel dealers will be invited and will have a separate room in which to transact their so-called business without being disturbed by the hoi polloi. There will be no other program as far as the precancellers are concerned as the Columbus club has a full program arranged for the two days and any precancel collector who attends can disguise himself as a "Philatelist" and get in on the goings on very easily, if he wishes to. So this is your invitation to attend on both days of the affair and have a good time for yourself. And don't forget the regular meetings of the Central Precancel Club, third Sunday in each month, Hotel Chittenden, Columbus. A lot of precancels pass over the

dam every time there is a meet so come and get in on the fun some Sunday.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

This week's items. The 1c perf. 11 '22 issue from Columbus, Ohio, in U-3 and the same thing from Cincinnati in U-3. While these exist yet they positively do not come in bunches and a lot of late formed collections lack them. The reason they are scarce was the 1923 perf 10 buros were being introduced at that time and the PM's were trying them out and hoping to save on their printing bill, etc. It is hard to say which of the above is the scarcer as they both are tough. I have never seen the Cincinnati item not perf. initialed.

NOTES

J. J. Copeland writing in the Dec. BEE states that so far in the new Chicago electro, there exists but four items, the 17c '22, 8c '26, and the 1c and 8c Presidentials. Have you seen others? — C. C. Weber writing in a recent issue of the OPTIMIST gives the "Specialists Guide To Bureau Print Precancels" an uncalled for panning. Let him put his shoulder to the wheel and help out on the next couple issues, then if things are not to his liking he will have more room to howl. — A few of the 2c Dayton Presidential Buros are being used I am told. — Here are a couple city type items. 1/2c Little Rock U-1, 1c Xenia in U-48, 1c Pueblo, Colo., U-122. By the time you read this you should be well into the business of wastebasket snooping after the Xmas mail rush and we hope you come up with some nice finds.

Peru's Post Offices

The Peruvian post office is operated by the British Marconi Co., Ltd., a corporation also operating for the government the telegraph and radio services. The government only indirectly controls its postal operations. There is no philatelic agency, but El Museo Filatelico



(The Philatelic Museum) which is operated by the post office sells full sets of current stamps. Individual stamps are not sold.

While a post office was operated on the naval transport "Ucayali" during the plebiscite of the lost provinces of Tacna and Arica while that vessel served as headquarters of Peru's mission, naval vessels of Peru do not have post offices. The fleet is generally docked at Callao and seldom do any of the ships make voyages of any length, so all mail is handled through shore post offices.

• The 1840 Mulready wrappers, letter sheets and envelopes were distributed to postmasters in England, a sheet of 12 of each, uncut, in special lead containers. Specimens of the entire shipment intact have been preserved, mainly because these issues were so unpopular.

• A pair of the 10 reis blue Brazilian newspaper stamp of 1891 have been found imperforate horizontally. Apparently the sheet had been crudely cut apart and used, the pair being only recently discovered by a Brazilian collector.

• Among Siamese varieties unlisted by Scott is the 2 atts on 3a and 10a on 12a provisionals issued at Battambang in 1902, which were produced by the postmaster with a typewriter.

German Inspection Labels

Gunter W. Harrich of San Francisco advises that the labels found on some current covers from Germany are for customs purposes, the inscription "Zur Devisenüberwachung zollamtlich geoffnet" meaning "opened for custom inspection for monetary supervision." He states these have nothing to do with censorship and were in use long before the war started. Germany has not yet, according to Mr. Harrich, commenced to censor mail. Reports of instances have been made where however the stamps have been peeled loose after mailing to see if messages were written in the space beneath the stamp. No censor labels have been noted on German mail. Anyone having any to report, will they please do so?

• The recent Brazilian commemorative picturing the Duke of Caxias was to commemorate the "Day of the Soldier" and was issued upon that national holiday, Sept. 12.

Attention, Secretaries

If you want publicity for your club's annual party, exhibition or bourse, it should appear in our columns about two weeks prior to the date of the affair, and in order to be certain of being in our columns by that time, full details should be sent in time to reach us at least a month prior to date of the exhibition, etc. Many notices reach us only a week before the event and consequently we can not print the item until after it's over. And by the way, one good turn deserves another: can you use a supply of sample copies or subscription blanks? It's the stamp collector who keeps up with events via the columns of his weekly philatelic journal, who remains an active and interested collector and a permanent club member.

• New naval vessels to have post offices established include the U. S. S. Seawolf.

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B Y B I S T A N D E R

With the appearance of Postmaster Farley's announcement of details of issuance of the Famous Americans stamps New York dealers who handle first day covers are now busy as bees running around making final arrangements for their trips. There seems to be, however, one main worry for these boys, and that is, how they can be at Cooperstown to service the 2c Cooper stamp and then go to Tarrytown, about 225 miles away, to service the Washington Irving stamp the same day.

Ralph Barry, unanimously elected dean of philatelic writers at the Fifth American Philatelic Congress at Atlantic City, died Sunday, Dec. 10, after a six month's illness. Mr. Barry was stamp and coin editor of the *New York Herald Tribune* since 1933. Also, a member of the Collectors Club of New York, The Royal Philatelic Society of London, etc., and was President of the Masonic Stamp Club at the time of his death. His loss is deeply felt throughout philatelic circles for his outstanding knowledge of stamps and stamp collectors.

For the relief of Finland in its undeclared war with Russia, B. I. Berner & Co., New York dealer, is holding a two day sale at his office from which 25% of receipts from sale will be donated to the cause.

The long awaited Paraguay New York World's Fair set finally reached New York. Dealers here and elsewhere who had sent in large orders with cash to Paraguay anticipated the full quantity of sets ordered, and therefore were confident in advertising this set in advance. The surprise came when Paraguay announced that only 5,000 sets would be printed, and 500 of these to be given to the Postal Union, leaving 4,500 sets as the gross number of sets released. Meanwhile those confident dealers who were taking advance orders are seen walking around quite pale wondering what they can do with the mere 10% of their original order they received from Paraguay, plus the 90% cash returned. They want

the stamps!!! It is reported that 50,000 sets of these elusive stamps had been ordered.

Because the Paraguay New York World's Fair set was distributed so quickly, speculation in large quantities seems highly improbable, and for this reason, this set is proving more popular here in New York than the Portuguese Colony set.

As I stated in last week's column, though there has been no abrupt rise in the price of Finnish stamps as yet, demand for these stamps has increased greatly. New York wholesalers report their stocks diminishing rapidly.

New York wholesalers feel they now have a legitimate excuse for not delivering foreign stamps as promptly as promised. It seems some of the neutral ships that were sunk carried a number of their shipments.

As I have predicted in a previous column, the Newfoundland provisionals are proving to be very elusive items. An interesting item about this set is, that an error appears only once in every sheet. The surcharge "cent" is misspelled "cenl". This error is proving to be a very popular collectors' item here in New York.

Annual Events Calendar

Buffalo, N. Y.—Bison Philatelic Society 7th Annual Celebration and Exhibit Jan. 10. Place not stated.

Chicago, Ill.—Sixth annual exhibition by the North Shore Philatelic Society at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Jan. 12, 13, 14.

Chicago, Ill.—Jan. 19, 20, 21, annual exhibition of the South Chicago Stamp Exchange Club. Place not stated, but club meets at South Chicago YMCA.

Chicago, Ill.—POLPEX Exhibition by the Polonus Philatelic Society, Jan. 24, 25, 26 at 1234 Milwaukee Ave.

Cleveland, O.—Annual exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Cleveland Stamp Club at Hotel Hollenden, Jan. 27-28.

Columbus, O.—Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 20-21.

St. Paul, Minn.—Twin City Philatelic Society exhibition at the St. Paul Hotel, January 11-14.

• The reason the 1935 Holy Year issue of the Italian post offices in Rhodes are not generally recognized is because they were very speculative. Of the 5 lire value only one sheet of 100 stamps was printed.

• France, the *New York Times* states, is reported to be recalling all the Bastille commemoratives from the colonies and that all were to be burned Dec. 16.

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How to Organize a Club

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is a social one, they need not be so high they will accumulate any considerable surplus beyond operating expenses. If your meeting place costs nothing, a major expense to most clubs is thereby avoided. Funds will be needed though to pay for printing of membership cards, bulletins (which should appear at least once a month), and necessary stationery.

A major expense item of many clubs is entertainment. If out-of-town exhibitors are asked to provide this for an evening, you must be prepared to pay their expenses. Usually the actual cost of their transportation is sufficient, but sometimes they must stay overnight and the hotel bill should be borne by your club as a matter of courtesy. It's often customary to have the guest to dinner prior to the meeting. None of the expenses mentioned are individually large but they mount up. Dues in adult clubs range from \$1 to \$3 on the average, with some higher. The general theory is that high dues discourage obtaining new members.

As a specimen Constitution and By-Laws we recommend the ones of the Co-

lumbus (O.) Philatelic Club. These are, except for some revisions recently made, the ones adopted several years ago by that club. Experience advised the changes made and the whole is the product of a thorough study of constitutions of several organizations. The Columbus club is a typical stamp club having a little fewer than 100 members, most of whom live within the city itself. It has a few members in nearby towns who commute regularly to meetings and several others who live further away but occasionally attend. Average attendance at meetings is about 25, but this varies of course with the season, weather and program. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws is obtainable if a stamped, self-addressed envelope be sent us.

Once a club is organized, it can not be expected to run itself. The enthusiasm which caused its formation must be maintained. Definite programs for meetings must be arranged and an element of novelty and variety with good fellowship stressed, play a big part in continued successful meetings. Local members can be scheduled for exhibits or talks and these should be varied in subject and care should be taken to see that unless it is an unusually interesting subject that none are very lengthy. Talks of 20 to 40 minutes are long enough on the average, and the exhibitor can display the albums from an easel during the talk or afterwards they can be laid upon the tables for any who care to look at them to do so. As a matter of courtesy and best results in presenting speakers, most clubs strictly prohibit trading or other activities while the speaker has the floor.

Publicity should not be neglected. It is one of the most important elements for success of a club. An active committee should handle this and the officers should occasionally check on it to make certain it is functioning at its best. Some committees know news when they see it; others just can not recognize it when they see it. Items regarding your club are not difficult to get into the stamp papers if your publicity chairman uses good judgment. Frequently your city might have some happening of general philatelic interest scheduled for future time or it may have just happened; which may not be known to the philatelic press who obviously cannot have reporters stationed everywhere. Such clippings sent the papers generally result in your club's name appearing as source and more than one club is nationally known because of those constantly re-appearing mentions. For instance, it is not unusual for a postmaster to be advised of a scheduled first day long before the announcement is issued from Washington to the press. A fine opportunity to have out-of-town visitors in number at your club then presents itself, by scheduling a meeting the night prior to the first day; but we can recall two occasions at least during the past year where clubs wanting publicity for their activities and knowing of such a first day didn't even bother to advise the philatelic press. Even aside from the advantage in publicity to your club, publishers feel en-

titled to your cooperation in sending in items. One real advantage of nationwide publicity for your club is the visit of out-of-town collectors occasionally who contribute much of interest to meetings.

The visitor should be made welcome. Many a club has lost prospective members by neglect, not to mention unintentional discourtesy, of the visitor. Have a permanent committee composed of members who regularly attend, whose duty is to greet the visitor, see that he is introduced around and made to feel as if he were at his home town club. Some clubs have treated the visitor as if he were invisible; or have perfunctorily introduced him and ignored him the rest of the meeting. The visitor so treated, seldom returns.

Another thought is that duties and offices should be spread around. The same persons holding the same office for years is seldom found desirable. Every member should be given some chore, even though it be as a member of some minor committee. Not only does it keep the membership interested, but in this way the identity of those who can be depended upon to do their share soon becomes evident.

A common question asked by a new club, is whether they should affiliate with a national society. This is a question that can not be properly answered with an unqualified "yes" or "no". A new club would need be in no hurry, but should consider the matter carefully to see if the advantages in your instance are worth more than the disadvantages. Most societies require their chapter officers to be members of the national body, thus limiting the choice of your officers. Life membership dues may constitute too large a financial burden for a club just formed. Among the advantages are prestige and the national group offers certain aids to its chapters. There is sharp division of opinion regarding such affiliation, and it is therefore up to each club's membership to decide.

Every club should have an annual exhibition and how to stage one of these will be the subject of another article. The object of an exhibition is to attract attention to your club and its activities, educate the general public regarding the hobby and at the same time spur your membership to more interest in hobby and club. It gives the membership something to look forward to annually.

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NOTES ON U. S. ISSUES

Meter machines for indicating postage paid on parcel post packages are being slowly introduced at post offices. It probably will be years before all first-class post offices use them, but stamp collectors will gradually feel the increase. Which brings to mind the odd values in the Presidential Series. Large mailers use meters, as affixing stamps is now considered (alas!) by many not so economical; and now the P. O. itself is starting to introduce a method which will reduce use of them.

The fairly well known Civil War revenue item which features four copies of the \$200 revenue stamp has been offered at \$500. The piece is a mortgage for approximately a million dollars on an early railroad. There is a record of another document reaching philatelic hands which had 25 copies of the stamp attached, including two sheets of 8.

The slogan portion of the cancellation used in 1928 for the three days of the International Civil Aeronautics Conference at Washington was used, presumably in error, at that city on the morn-

ing of October 16. Just how it got back into use after 11 years is not explained, as these are supposed to be destroyed along with other obsolete dies and cachets after a reasonable period following the end of their use. Possibly the die was mistaken for one of the slogans advocating use of air mail.

Apparently the Post Office Dept. is running into trouble with its selections of first day cities for the Famous Americans. The choice of first day cities for the Irving, MacDowell, Stuart, Foster and Whitman stamps is being hotly contested by representatives of other cities which feel entitled to the "honor." Not only has the P. O. been criticized for hasty judgment, but at least two of the "birth dates" given by them in their announcements show they have been obtaining data from incorrect sources. Audubon for instance, was born in 1785, not 1780. Booker Washington was born in 1856, not 1858.

The booklet by Dr. Babcock reviewed in our book column should interest most collectors of U. S. cancellations. Few col-

lectors can identify the current Supplementary Mail marking used at New York City and many fine examples of this cancel are often cast aside as "parcel post cancels"—particularly as its heavy design is not popular with those who like light cancels only. Dr. Babcock's book also explains the "LATE FEE" single line marking found on letters from Honolulu, which distinguishes letters prepaid at double rate for supplementary mail, from letters intended to go by air mail after reaching the mainland of the U. S.

Among the tons of marble statuary demolished by Sculptress Adelaide Johnson in her attempt to destroy all her works before she left her studio, was the bust of Susan B. Anthony which was used as a model for the 3c stamp issued in 1936. Miss Johnson was quoted in the press as being determined to destroy all the pieces of her work because persons who offered to buy tried to get them at bargain rates. At last reports she had hired an assistant for the destructive efforts.

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